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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

TOTAL CLAIMS		
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	58 minus 20=	38
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 minus 3=	3
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		<input type="checkbox"/>

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	58	Minus	.. 58 =
Independent	3	Minus	... 3 =
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

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SMALL ENTITY TYPE	RATE	FEES	OTHER THAN OR SMALL ENTITY	RATE	FEES
	BASIC FEE	300.00	OR	BASIC FEE	570.00
	X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	684
	X40=		OR	X80=	1368
	+135=		OR	+270=	270
			OR TOTAL		1454

SMALL ENTITY	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	OTHER THAN OR SMALL ENTITY	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
	X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
	X40=		OR	X80=	
	+135=		OR	+270=	
			OR TOTAL		ADDITIONAL FEE

AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
Total	39	Minus	.. 58 =	X\$ 9=		X\$18=	
Independent	4	Minus	... 3 =	X40=		X80=	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>							

AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
Total		Minus	.. =	X\$ 9=		X\$18=	
Independent		Minus	... =	X40=		X80=	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>							

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of February 16, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

Applicant has previously authorized payment of any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 to deposit account number 30-0457.

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1457 (Fed. Cir. 1998) citing *Sensonics, Inc. v. Aerasonic Corp.*, 81 F.3d 1566, 1570, 38 USPQ2d 1551, 1554 (Fed. Cir. 1996).

Amended Independent Claim 52

The Examiner acknowledged that claim 52 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 52 has been rewritten to include the limitations of previous base claim 1. Applicant has further amended claim 52 to address the informality noted by the Examiner. Applicant therefore requests that the rejection be withdrawn and that claim 52 and its dependent claims be noticed for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as amended herein are novel and unobvious. Applicant respectfully requests that the objections and rejections be withdrawn and a Notice of Allowance be mailed.

Respectfully submitted,
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